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Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
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REF: FCC RM 8626 (PETITION FROM FRED MAIA, W5YI)

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We at the Lakeland Amateur Radio Club have just recently been notified of the filing of a petition to cease broadcasting and eliminate all one way transmissions below 30 MHZ. We do realize there may exist some unnecessary transmissions that take place, but to do this, which would affect the operation of the ARRL Station, W1AW, is not in the best interest of Amateur Radio.

Many of our members rely on this station for various reasons of interest to the Amateur Radio community. Most notably are the Special Bulletins which are transmitted reguarly, the Code Practice which has helped many of our members upgrade their skills as well as probably thousands of other hams in the past. Note that On-Air-Code Practice is of a much better benefit when practicing code than any tape recording can offer. This is because you are actually hearing "over the air" code transmissions versus a controlled tape recording.

W1AW has been a very reliable station for many years and should not be eliminated by any means. It is unthinkable and even ridiculous to consider this proposal.

Our club membership is 140 plus and we feel strongly and are in agreement that the PETITION RM-8626 should not be given any consideration since this is a rather questionable petition proposed by one Mr. Fred Maia, W5YI.

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